

Notice of Exemption**Form D**

To: Office of Planning and Research
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From: California Energy Commission
 1516 Ninth Street, MS-48
 Sacramento, CA 95814

Project Applicant: Mission Produce, Inc.

Project Title: Reflex Flow Battery at Mission Produce

Project Location – Specific: 2901 Camino Del Sol

Project Location – City: Oxnard 93030 **Project Location – County:** Ventura

Description of Nature, Purpose and Beneficiaries of Project:

In this project will find the demonstration of a battery energy storage system at an existing agricultural (avocados and other products) storage, packaging, processing, and refrigeration facility in Oxnard, CA for peak shaving, solar energy time-shifting and microgrid operations. The battery energy storage system will use existing solar photovoltaic generation unit(s) at the site. The project will benefit the local community and electricity ratepayers.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: California Energy Commission

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Mission Produce, Inc.

Exempt Status: *(check one)*

- Ministerial Exemption (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(1); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15268);
- Declared Emergency (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(3); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(a));
- Emergency Project (Pub. Resources Code § 21080(b)(4); Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15269(b)(c));
- Categorical Exemption. State type and section number
Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15303
- Statutory Exemptions. State code number.
- Common Sense Exemption. (Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, §15061(b)(3))

Reasons why project is exempt: Cal. Code Regs., tit 14, § 15303 exempts the construction and location of limited numbers of new, small facilities or structures; the installation of small new equipment and facilities in small structures; and the conversion of existing small structures from one use to another where only minor modifications are made in the exterior of the structure. This project will involve the installation of a limited number of small energy storage batteries, which may require the alteration or reconstruction of an existing concrete pad. The installation will require minimal construction activity. The equipment will be placed within the existing industrial facility. It is possible additional small concrete pads will be poured or small enclosures will be built for supporting systems such as electrical support equipment. This minimal construction is well within the size limits listed in 14 C.C.R. 15303. This construction will not have a significant impact on local air quality, noise, or traffic and will not induce additional operations at the site.

For these reasons, the project will not have a significant effect on the environment and falls under the categorical exemption listed in 14 C.C.R.;15303.

Lead Agency

Authority cited: Sections 21083 and 21110, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 21108, 21152, and 21152.1, Public Resources Code.

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If filed by applicant:

1. Attach certified document of exemption finding.
2. Has a Notice of Exemption been filed by the public agency approving the project? Yes No

Signature:  Date: 07-13-2020 Title: Utilities Engineer

Signed by Responsible Agency

Governor's Office of Planning & Research

Signed by Lead Agency

Jul 13 2020

Signed by Applicant

Date received for filing at OPR: **STATE CLEARINGHOUSE**